

### Welcome to the DFI June Faculty Newsletter!

With Summer A in full swing, DFI is excited to share some important Perusall updates for your Canvas course, along with details about the upcoming faculty retreat in August.

We hope you have a wonderful month, and thank you for reading!



## What's New?

### 1. Save the Date for the TC Faculty Retreat: August 12, 2025

DFI would be delighted if you would join us on a virtual backpacking adventure through New York City, where we will explore new ideas to spark student engagement, redesign assessment for the AI-era learner, and reimagine your teaching practice in the age of AI. During this one-day virtual retreat, you will have the opportunity to learn from your peers, analyze your teaching practice, and earn 5 merit badges and prizes!

## TC FACULTY RETREAT AGENDA

AUGUST 12, 2025

Rethink. Reassess. Redefine.

ONLINE VIA ZOOM



**9:30am - 11:00am: Basecamp & Tools and Strategies for Increasing Student Engagement**

This workshop introduces faculty to four dynamic digital tools. Perusall, Padlet, Canva, and Gemini AI. Learn how to foster active participation, boost collaboration, and unleash creativity, leaving with actionable ideas to immediately enhance your teaching.



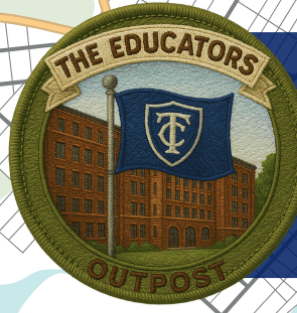
**11:15am- 12:15pm: Lunch & Learn**

Join your TC Faculty colleagues as they showcase innovative courses and teaching approaches. Explore effective tools and strategies enhancing student learning across campus, and leave inspired with fresh ideas to elevate your own teaching practice.



**12:30pm - 2:00pm: Designing Smarter Assessments for the AI-Era Learner**

Discover how to create meaningful assessments that remain effective in the age of AI, with practical strategies for designing evaluations that measure authentic understanding and critical thinking. Thomas Rock, Chief Student Affairs Officer and Associate VP at Teachers College, will share insights on setting student expectations and navigating difficult conversations with students regarding AI use.



**2:30pm - 4:00pm: Reimagining Your Teaching Practice Using AI**

Explore how generative AI can catalyze pedagogical transformation and innovation. This hands-on workshop introduces pedagogical frameworks, teaching strategies, and college-supported AI tools—such as Gemini, Notebook LM, Padlet, and Canva—that support AI-integrated instruction to facilitate more personalized, inclusive, and engaging learning experiences for your students.

**4:30pm - 5:00pm: End of Hike Takeaways & Badging Award**

We will wrap up the backpacking trip with a sharing of key takeaways, the awarding of the Big Apple Trekker badge to those who completed the whole journey and share upcoming events at DFI for the Fall 2025 semester.



[Register Now](#)

### 2. Perusall 1.3 is now in your Canvas course!

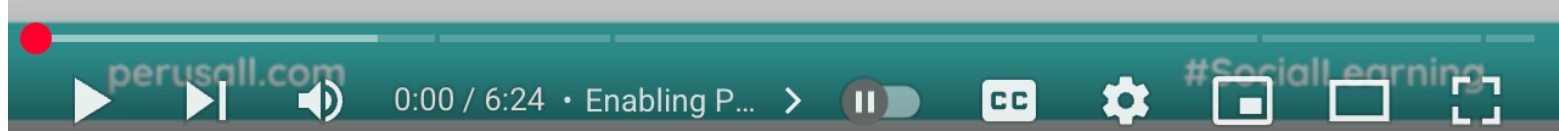
Want to make your course resources even more engaging? The updated [Perusall](#) platform is now available in all TC Canvas courses!

When you add [Perusall to your Canvas course](#), you can upload resources like readings, videos, and audio, enabling the [creation of Canvas assignments](#) that encourage student discussion. Students can annotate, highlight, and respond to each other's comments.

Watch the [getting started video](#) below to learn more about using Perusall 1.3 in your Canvas course.

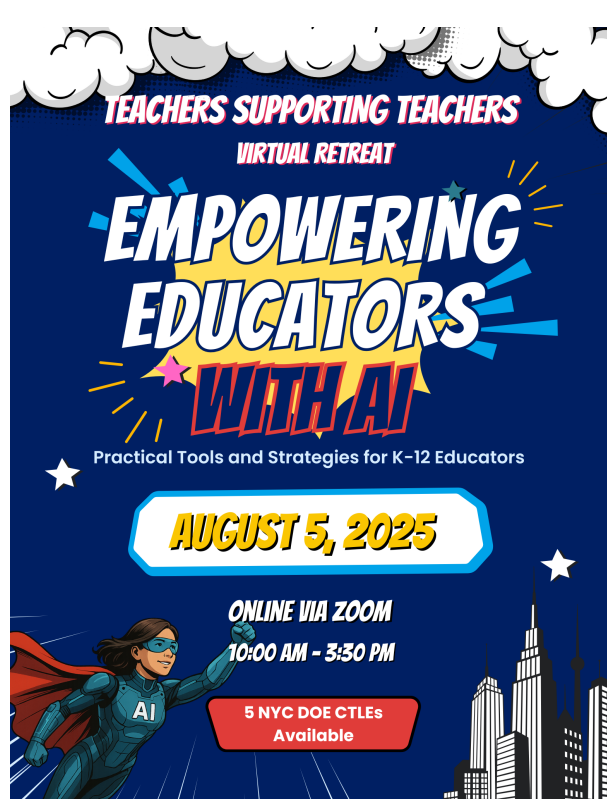
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## Integrating Perusall LTI 1.3 into Canvas (instructor setup)



If you have any questions about Perusall or would like assistance with setting up your course for the Summer sessions, please [contact DFI](#).

## Upcoming Faculty PD



**Teachers Supporting Teachers Retreat: Empowering Educators with AI**

**Tuesday 8/05/25: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
Online via Zoom

Teachers Supporting Teachers is back with a virtual summer retreat that will equip educators with practical tools and strategies to integrate AI into their teaching practice. Participants will explore AI platforms like Claude, Khanmigo, and Magic School through live workshops, hands-on activities, and peer collaboration. By day's end, educators will leave with ready-to-use resources, student activities, lesson plans, and meaningful connections with fellow teachers. Earn 5 NYC DOE CTLEs, badges, and prizes for participating in this retreat.

[View the Agenda now](#) to see what to expect.

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